it emanate from me, I am prepared to concede even to that extent subjecting themselves to that ordeal for one hour, I think for each shift, after that to contiune with the work and give us the copies for correction if we care to correct, is a work which is not to be remunerated in the ordinary way. It has to be remunerated in an exemplary and exceptional line. Being one who gives maximum work to these reporters I know the strain to which they are put and it is most appropriate that I plead their cause. It has been suggested by a veteran member of this House that in good things this Government may be pleased to follow Travancore. Let us see how Travancore works in this matter. Here it is very well known to every Hon'ble Member that these reporters are shorthand reporters attached to various offices, called here for special work in connection with the Council for which they are given this bonus and their scale of pay is Rs. 25—40 with an increment of Rs. 3 in two years and when they reach 40 in ten years, an annual increment of Rs. 4 is given going up to Rs. 60. They have therefore got a scale of Rs. 25—60 reachable in a certain number of years. That is the scale. In addition to that for this work they get Rs. 5. What do we find in Travancore? There the scale of the reporters is higher, one on Rs. 125—150, two on 100—125, yet another two on 80—100 (English Reporters). Then Malayalam—one on 80—100 two hands on 60—80 and two more hands on Rs. 40—70—that is what is obtaining in Travancore. Then when compared with their Travancore brothers and sisters the position of our reporters is something which bears no comparison. My endeavour through this cut motion is not to requset the Government that the same scale for shorthand writers be adopted here. I only incidently referred to that to show the difference. So my respectful submission to this House is that they may be pleased to vote—not that I am very particular about votes—I want to inform the Government about the propriety of giving something more than Rs. 5 which is commensurate with the sort of work that they do. There are members of this House who speak at electric speed. There are as my Hon'ble friend from Cranganur pointed out, persons who give boaring speeches. There are those who make mixed speeches beginning with English, continue in Malayalam and end in English. So the reporters have always to be vigilent, when does this Hon'ble Member jump from English to Malayalam, when does so and so get up and what sort of speech we are going to have. For all this my respectful submission is that these reporters may be decently remunerated. This is only a suggestion to the Government for their favourable consideration at an early date.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I also rise to support this motion. These young men and young ladies that come into our Council should have a feeling that they are doing good work and that we are appreciating their work. We are only giving bonus to them. In these days to give a bonus only would not matter much and it is only as a matter of encouragement that we give to our reporters, so that they may also have the feeling that we are always mindful of their services. After all, Sir, in modern days you and I are in their hands. They can make and unmake. Very bad speeches made, when they type and give, become good speeches. So as a mark of appreciation of their worth and work, I also support this motion to give them an encouragement and I hope the Government will be pleased to generously consider the matter.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Only a few months Government raised the bonus from 2-12-0 to Rs. 5. I therefore regret, they cannot accept this motion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In spite of the Government reply I do not propose to press the motion because I am sure that the Government will be prepared to respond to the wishes of the people later on but not at a distant future. We hope it will be before the budget session.

Motion by leave withdrawn

Demands put and carried

24. Rs. 1,200—0—0 under "38-Income-tax—contingencies Printing charges'
25. Rs. 1,950—0—0 „ "38-Income tax—B. Allowance—Dearnes Allowance"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment, of Rs. 1,200 under "38—Income-tax—Contingencies—Printing charges" and for Rs. 1,950 under "38—Income-tax—B. Allowance—Dearnes Allowance". I request that the House may be pleased to vote these amounts.

Demands put and carried

26. Rs. 5,055 under "10-Stamps—Purchase of Stamps and Stamp papers".

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 5,055 under "10—Stamps—Purchase of stamps and stamp papers".

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